



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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Governor

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EXECUTIVE ORDER THIRTY-SEVEN (91)

VIRGINIA ENERGY PLAN

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor by Section 2.1-41.1 of the Code of Virginia to formulate and administer policy in the executive branch, and subject to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby direct all executive branch Secretaries and their respective agencies to implement the Virginia Energy Plan consistent with their statutory authority in order to help secure an energy-efficient future for Virginia.

A comprehensive statewide approach is critical to Virginia's energy conservation. Such an approach has the potential to: reduce consumption of energy resources; extend the use of coal, oil and gas reserves; improve energy efficiency; reduce environmental impacts; preserve natural resources; and secure independence from foreign oil. The Virginia Energy Plan addresses a statewide program which focuses on energy efficiency and conservation through production, management planning, awareness, transportation, and fuel alternatives.

The Virginia Energy Plan is applicable to all state agencies to the extent it is consistent with the statutory authority of those agencies. I hereby assign specific responsibilities for the implementation of the Virginia Energy Plan to the following:

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The **Secretary** of Economic Development shall be responsible for providing guidance **and** direction for energy policy and conservation planning.

The **Secretary** of Economic Development shall:

1. **Comprehensively** integrate the Governor's energy conservation and efficiency policy into the operations and programs of state government through the Virginia Energy Plan;
2. Coordinate with other Secretaries where activities and programs are shared among secretarial areas;

3. Provide general guidance to the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy and report on accomplishments under the Virginia Energy Plan to the Governor;
4. Approve annual updates and any modifications to the Virginia Energy Plan to maintain consistency with the policy direction of the Governor and to enhance the accomplishment of the goals and objectives;
5. Resolve differences between participating agencies when agreement cannot be reached among them; and
6. Serve as liaison with Virginia businesses to obtain their expertise, assistance and cooperation in advancing energy efficiency and alternative fuels in Virginia.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES, MINERALS AND ENERGY

Responsibility for coordinating and implementing the Virginia Energy Plan shall be with the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME).

DMME shall:

1. Review, revise and maintain the Virginia Energy Plan through a collaborative process among state agencies;
2. Execute the strategies designated to it;
3. Draw on expertise of other agencies, where appropriate, to ensure the successful execution of the Virginia Energy Plan strategies;
4. Develop an energy planning process and coordinate the development of an energy management plan for each agency, based on the Virginia Energy Plan; and
5. Provide guidance and training to other agencies, when needed, to successfully execute the Virginia Energy Plan.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES

To accomplish the goals, objectives, and strategies of the Virginia Energy Plan, each agency shall:

1. Execute the strategies designated to the agency in the Virginia Energy Plan;

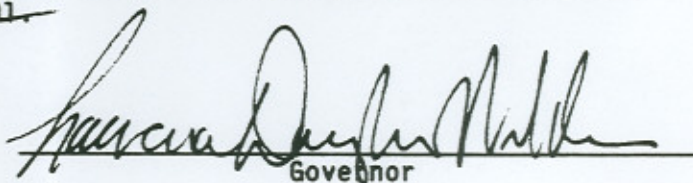
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2. Designate an energy manager(s) and authorize staff involvement in the accomplishment of the Virginia Energy Plan, including participation in task forces, training, plan development, and plan execution;
3. Develop an energy management plan consistent with the process coordinated by DMME;
4. Implement the energy management plan in an orderly and timely manner and undertake modification of internal agency operations and programs consistent with the goals and objectives of the plan and state law; and
5. Monitor and report progress on accomplishing the energy management plan to DMME as requested.

This Executive Order is effective upon its signing and will remain in full force and effect until June 30, 1994, unless amended or rescinded by further Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia
this 18th day of September 1991.


Governor

Attested:


Secretary of the Commonwealth